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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

William Michener, of Swan street, is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son in his home.

C. C. Strumfak and John J. Jeffries were initiated into the Sons of Veterans on Tuesday evening.

George Strouss, who was injured in Philadelphia last week, is slowly improving and is able to be about.

A crowd of about one thousand colored residents from Trenton and Philadelphia are at Burlington Island Park.

Miss Sarah Bailey, of Walnut street, was slightly injured at Grady's mill on Monday evening by a beam falling upon her head.

The Epworth League Club will give a party at the home of Mrs. Lewis Walton, Cornwallis, on Saturday evening, August 8th.

A rumormongering tale was given on Thursday evening of next week by the Y. M. C. E. of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wood street.

The residents of the Second ward are complaining of the numerous crowds of small boys who congregate in the alleys at night and "shoot craps."

The office of the Philadelphia, Bristol and Trenton trolley has been moved from Radcliffe street to the new building on Mill street, owned by H. S. Rice.

Miss Nellie Boaz will be the soloist of the M. E. choir on Saturday evening. The quality of Miss Boaz's voice is such that it will be considered a treat by all who attend.

In a shooting match at Halmerville last week, Harry Force for five dollars a set, at five balls each, each contestant missed all the targets and the bet was declared off.

A visitation was made by the District of Philadelphia to the Episcopal Church, Council No. 1037, Royal Arcanum, of Bristol, on Monday evening. In honor of the visit, refreshments were served.

Philip Winters, the Pond street dealer, has remodeled and renovated his store property recently purchased by him, at the corner of Bond and Washington streets and will move there next month.

The Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools held their annual picnic at Burlington Island Park on last Saturday. The weather was delightful and all who attended enjoyed a thoroughly good time.

The single men defied the married men of the Good Will Hose Co. in a hotly contested game last Sunday. Jack Harrison, the married men's crack pitcher, was knocked out of the box in the first inning.

A meeting of the Boys' Brigade council with St. Paul's Mission, was held on Tuesday evening. A number of names were proposed for membership and the future of the organization looks very promising.

The second shoot of the series to determine the champion of Bristol was held at the Bristol Gun Club and the Bristol Shooting Association will be held on the grounds of the former about Tullytown on Saturday, August 10th.

Ed Rose, manager of the Farmers Market at Radcliffe street, has received a number of his small chickens lately, and on Sunday caught the thief in the net. He saw a large rat come out of a hole and drag a small chick after it.

A new concrete floor and shafting is being placed in the Appleton mill on the bridge street, preparatory to the moving in of the machinery and looms belonging to William Henderson, the Philadelphia carpet manufacturer, who has leased the property.

Rev. Dr. Charles Burns, who has been chosen to succeed Dr. Aiken as pastor of the Bristol Presbyterian Church, arrived yesterday with his family and is now domiciled at the personage on Radcliffe street. Dr. Burns will occupy the pulpit on Sunday.

List of letters remaining in the Bristol post office for week ending July 29th: Mary Beiten, Rattie Corby, William Mundy, Clarence Mundy, Mrs. C. E. Mundy, Thos. E. Mundy, Mrs. J. W. Mundy, Dr. J. M. Shepherd, Pasquale Sigilino, Pasquale Giordano, Eliza Brown.

J. Curtis Howell is moving from Mill street, opposite J. H. Vanston's Ark, to the store lately occupied by S. I. Whitaker, the shoe dealer, will move to the store vacated by Mr. Howell after a number of alterations take place.

An alarm of fire was turned in last Saturday morning as a result of the spread of a bon-fire which was started in the yard of John McQueen, on Mill street. Some adjoining outbuildings caught fire, but the flames were extinguished by a bucket brigade before any serious damage was done.

Mrs. Martha Turner, formerly of Bristol, mother of Mrs. Harry A. Bradford, also a former Bristol resident, died at her home in Wilmington, Del., on last Saturday afternoon at the age of 80. The funeral took place yesterday, services being held at her late home in Wilmington. The interment was at Mount Maria Cemetery, Philadelphia.

William S. Fowler, aged 80 years, died suddenly of heart ventricles on Saturday, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William J. Davis, 209 Cedar street, Bristol. Having been absent from the house for a suspicion long time, Mrs. Fowler started out to look for her aged father and was horrified to find him lying in the grass in the back yard a corpse. The deceased was a well-to-do man and many years followed the son. The funeral took place yesterday, interment being at Leipsic, Del.

The Bristol Gun Club held a series of week-end matches at five holes on last Sunday afternoon at the club's grounds above Tullytown. In the first match the stakes were divided between George Braden and John Coleman. Eliza Radcliffe and George Braden divided the stakes in the second and in the third and fourth William Radcliffe and William Remond divided the honors. In a private match between William Radcliffe and James Robinson, in which the conditions were nine and out, the former won easily.

All the arrangements have now been completed for the annual excursion of the employees of the Bristol-Williamstown Railroad on Saturday, August 8th. A report has been current for several days that the excursion had been given up owing to the excessive transportation rates but the committee desire to give the report an emphatic denial. The boat will leave Bristol at 5.15 a. m. and connect with the Reading railroad at Camden. Returning the train will leave Camden City at 5.00 p. m. The price of tickets for adults is \$1.25 and for children, 65 cents.

It is reported that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company proposes to move the Camden station to the west side of the Neamsham creek and to abolish the Eddington station. There have been so many "rumors" in the air lately concerning the prospective operations of the railroad that it is hard to know what to believe. The work of building the new elevated road through Bristol has not yet commenced, although several contracts for the grading was published as being given out, and then suddenly postponed. The company is a hard one to tab and in all probability little will be accomplished in the interested sections until operations actually commence.

Will Discuss Good Roads.

Thomas Randall and William M. Vandergrift, road supervisors of Bucks County, will discuss the subject of good roads at a public hearing to be held in the Association hall, Bridgewater, on Tuesday evening, August 4, for the purpose of discussing the question of road improvement under the provisions of the Spruill-Roberts Act recently passed by the Legislature.

Died From Lock Jaw.

Levy Johnson, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Johnson, of 314 Lafayette street, Bristol, who was suffering from tetanus as the result of a self-inflicted wound received on the fourth of July, of which mention was made in last week's Gazette, died last Thursday. Death came in agonizing form, accompanied as it was by terrible convulsions. The funeral took place on Sunday, interment being at the Bristol Cemetery.

Bucks and Lehigh Joined.

After August 1, Lehigh county will be transferred to the new internal revenue district to be composed of that and Bucks counties. Lehigh county has 92 cigar factories and Bucks 109, making a total of 191 for the district.

Robert N. Grossdale, of Newtown, Bucks county, has been appointed division engineer of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers. Although Lehigh is attached to a new district the cigar manufacturers and brewers. Attention newspapers state, will continue to buy their cigars from the Lehigh and Delaware river district.

A Launch Party.

Miss Estella Winter entertained a number of friends last Tuesday afternoon by taking them for a ride to Trenton and returning on the Lehigh and Delaware river. A launch was hired on board. The trip was a success by all means. Those present were: Misses Norma Connor, Margaret Wright, Estella Winter, Martha Brown, Anna Herman, Anna York, Margaret Altko, Anna Fowler, Bertha Hoberling, Mary King, Edith McKeown, Misses Ardrey, Mrs. George Ardrey, Stearns, Philip Ardrey, Harry Poole, Joseph Bradford, Robert Pearson, Walter Nelson, Philip Winter, J. Clarence Winter, Victor Smith, Filler Mixer, Oscar Herman and Mrs. Grealy.

Boat and Bit Her Mother-in-Law.

Up on information lodged by Mrs. Sarah Higgins, charging assault with battery, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Higgins, was arrested on Saturday by officers Rice at her home on the margin of Silver Lake. Mrs. Higgins, the complainant, is a colored woman, and her daughter-in-law, subjected her to the most barbarous treatment on Tuesday of last week. She declared that the younger woman came to her house looking for William, her husband, and when the mother said she was not there the belligerent colored dame knocked the aged woman down, fell upon her and in place of her clock and she beat the ugly looking woman which was a proof of her story. Judge Kraft held the defendant in the sum of \$700 to appear at court, bail being furnished by Ernest Lawrence.

Trolley Car Struck Team.

Trolley car No. 11, on its 10.30 trip from Morrisville to Bristol on Monday night, struck a horse and wagon about a mile and a half from Morrisville, near the gravel hole, killed the horse, ran the wagon and severely injured its driver, James McCormick, whose leg was broken. McCormick was removed to the Francis Hospital, Trenton. At the office of the trolley company in Bristol it was reported that McCormick, who works on a farm near Morrisville, was driving up the pike at a furious speed and the horse dashed in front of the trolley car. The front track of the big car ran over the horse and the carcass of the animal became jammed in the rear of the car. It was reported that McCormick was under the influence of liquor at the time, and that the motor-man of the car was entirely blameless for the accident.

In Search of Improbable Gold.

In search of \$44,000 for the heirs of James Woods, who died in Gloucester, England, in 1836, Elliot Dudley, of Philadelphia, arrived for Liverpool on the good ship, Friedland, of the American Line, Saturday morning. Mrs. Dudley will accompany him.

A large delegation of the heirs, who number three hundred, were at the pier to bid the Dudley boat voyage. By subscription \$200,000 was raised for the trip. The Dudley boat will leave for Liverpool on the good ship, Friedland, of the American Line, Saturday morning. Mrs. Dudley will accompany him.

Mr. Dudley is sanguine that he will land the millions and place the descendants of Woods in rank with the Vanderbilts and Rockefellers.

The Bristolians, who were at one time interested in the alleged fortune, believe the gold pile to be a myth and refused to further co-operate with the "association."

School Director Surprised.

W. H. Hall, Sr., of Mill street, was surprised at a surprise party on Monday evening in honor of his birthday anniversary. Guests were present from Philadelphia, Cornwallis and Bristol. During the evening Mr. Hall was presented with a gold watch and chain together with many other useful gifts. Before the party dispersed a beautiful repast was served. A number of the guests were present at the dinner. The dinner was a large one in the center of the table, on the top of which were placed a number of small lighted candles, corresponding with the guests.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, Sr., and Mrs. William Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Hall, Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. Fannie Hall, Mrs. Wood, Miss Hamilton, Miss Florence Hall, W. H. Hall, Jr., Bristol; Mr. and Mrs. G. Dallas Wagner, Miss Lizzie Wagner, Cornwallis; Mr. and Mrs. L. Ernest Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hall, Mrs. Rachel Hall, Mrs. George Dickie, Douglas Hall, Philadelphia.

Three Girls Unwieldy Experience.

At about three o'clock on last Sunday morning a telephone message was received by Officer Mowatt at the Bristol police station from the Chief of Police at Gloucester City, N. J., that he had three young girls in his custody whose homes were declared to be in Bristol.

The girls were about thirteen years of age and were daughters of Thomas Waters, Spruce street, and Thomas Nowell, Beaver Dam road. They left home on Saturday afternoon for an excursion to Burlington Island Park to attend a Sunday school picnic, but instead left Bristol on a boat taking an excursion to Washington Park, below Philadelphia. The girls were returning boat at eleven o'clock in the morning and took a trolley car from the park to Gloucester, where they were taken into custody by the police. The Chief of Police is of the opinion that they will not soon want to have repeated.

Bristol's Mosquito War.

Doylestown Republican. Having checked the smallpox by vigorous methods the Bristol Board of Health has now turned its attention to the mosquito pest. The crusade will be of benefit to the town whether the mosquitoes are exterminated or not. The plans provide for the filling or emptying of the dump and places in which the insects breed, the clearing of gutters and the recommendation to householders to keep kail, and other vessels free from stagnant water. All the work will be done by the board of health and will be done in a most efficient and energetic manner. Life is a certainty. Death is a certainty. Men may be dead. While they're walking about.

Trolley Trip to Water Gap.

Editor Gazette:—A delightful trip by trolley to the Delaware Water Gap was taken by six young ladies last week. Four of them, Misses Lucie W. Sooy, Kathryn Sooy, Nellie Boaz and Dora Weyand, of Bristol and the other two, Misses Lella Gutch and Mary Wilkes, of Philadelphia, made up the party. They report a delightful time and recommend it to others as being pleasant and inexpensive. The trip occupied one day going and one day returning. Accommodations were secured at the Catawact House, which these young ladies can recommend to any of their friends contemplating a similar trip, as being a pleasant place to stop.

The following "yell" has been arranged and dedicated to this Hotel as a complimentary to its host for the many favorable accommodations.

Lokey Pokey! Plimpity Plop! The Catawact House is on the top! Are we in it? I should smile! We've been here a little while! O, fudge!

An Old Foe Catches New Suckers.

The old song about a "sucker being born every minute," is not set to rest enough music. They're born on mass. After naturally victimizing the tars at North Wales, Doylestown and other villages, a slick fakir came to Bristol last week and secured several victims. Early in the evening the smooth individual hired a horse and wagon at William's horse stable, and with a speech with a short over his head drove through the streets of the town blowing a bugle and announcing that he would give a performance back of the Delaware River at 8 o'clock. At the appointed time a large crowd had gathered and the fakir proceeded at once to business. He offered a small bottle of alleged medicine for each of the victims, and a number of the bottles returned the money to all of the purchasers. Then he offered a larger bottle for a dollar and in a persuasive manner declared that each purchaser would receive a cure for his ailment. The something-for-nothing fellows couldn't get their money up to him quick enough. As each dollar was handed up he would give a dollar for a dollar. The fakir had been previously drawn from his pocket and rolling the victims dollar by one of his own he dropped them into a bucket. Thinking they were getting a double dose, the "medicines" was exchanged for dollar bills in such a lively fashion that everything looked good under the light of the flaring gasolene lamp. Some fellows thought the time had arrived to make expenses for a summer vacation and it took a number of dollars of the fakir's "medicine" to awake them from their dream.

After nearly a hundred dollars had been taken in by the gift fakir, he pulled out a lot of penny trinkets from his grip and distributed them among his customers, and then suddenly without warning, extinguished the light, hid the horse a crack and before the bewildered audience knew what had happened he was galloping up the road in search of his money.

The town was returned to the lively state near the railroad station and he proceeded immediately to board a train for out of town. Just before leaving, however, the youths who had been second caught him and a fight was imminent when the fakir discreetly disgorged two dollars just as the train arrived and he was released.

This is not the first time Bristol people have been thus victimized. Some years ago the very same trick was perpetrated. Little sympathy can be offered to people who are caught by such shallow pretenses of philanthropy.

B. F. Gilkeson Stricken.

B. F. Gilkeson, Esq., who left Bristol last Thursday for his annual summer outing, is dangerously ill at Hotel Port William Hotel, Lake George, N. Y. Howard T. Jones, Esq., Mr. Gilkeson's brother, who is in the city, is expected to arrive early Tuesday morning that the former was dying from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. James left at once for the benefit of his partner. Tuesday evening Mr. James telegraphed back to Bristol that the patient's condition was extremely critical and it was feared life would not be prolonged until morning. The family was summoned to come at once. Miss M. A. Gilkeson, a sister, was telegraphed to from Holly Springs, N. C. Miss Helen Gilkeson, daughter, was reached at Cambridge, Mass., and Franklin and Miss Ethel Gilkeson, son and daughter, left hurriedly from New York, and arrived in the city on Monday evening with faint hope of seeing their father alive.

The news of Mr. Gilkeson's affliction spread rapidly, and next day a large number of messages were received from Mr. James that there was a slight improvement in condition with slight hope for recovery and last night further information was received from the same source that Mr. Gilkeson had regained consciousness and would probably recover.

It is feared that even in event of recovery, partial paralysis will be the result.

Mosquito's a Winter Bird.

A fresh contribution to mosquito literature is a pamphlet issued by the Board of Health of Gloucester City, N. J., on the subject of the mosquito. It is written by William Lyman Underwood, lecturer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is illustrated with photographs from life. The pamphlet advises the use of kerosene on all water where the mosquitoes may breed and of pyrethrum powder in the house to kill or repel the adult mosquito. Prof. Underwood says:

It is very generally believed that mosquitoes bite only once and die. This is sometimes so, but unless they are killed in the act of biting they usually live to bite again. The female mosquito feeds on blood for the purpose of laying her eggs. She does not merely bite for food. In its absence they live upon the bloods of birds and other animals and, when these are not to be found, upon the juices of young and tender plants.

It is not known just how long mosquitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily supposed. Thousands of them live through the winter hibernating or asleep in dark places in barns or house corners. In severely settled localities, where they cannot find such places of refuge, they live through the winter in hollow trees, in caves and holes under upturned trees; and even though the temperature may fall far below freezing they are not winter killed.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A charter was granted at Harrisburg on Friday for the Newtown Canning Company, capital, \$12,000.

The Luther League of Bucks county and those in Montgomery county, along the North Penn Railroad, will have a rally day at Menlo Park, August 8th.

By the will of Sarah H. Corlies, late of Morrisville, deceased, Redman H. Bradley, of the First National Bank, Newtown, a great nephew, is bequeathed \$1000.

Miss Elizabeth O. Siskel, of Newtown, has issued invitations for a reception on Friday evening, July 31st, in honor of Miss Mary T. Wales, of Montgomery, Mass., a former school teacher of Newtown.

General Davis, the veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars and President of the Bucks County Historical Society, went to New York on Saturday morning to spend his 83d birthday with his son-in-law, Lieutenant S. A. W. Patterson, and family. The General wears his years lightly and expects to return to Doylestown on Monday.

Mrs. Annie Tomlinson, of Newtown, was taken to jail on Friday night by the sheriff on the charge of larceny. Mrs. Tomlinson conceived the idea that her husband spent entirely too much of his time in the society of two other Newtown married women. On Friday she paid these women a visit, and for about an hour the atmosphere of Congress stood in said to have been blue, red, yellow and several other colors of the rainbow. Charles Hayes went before "Squire" W. Morick and swore out a warrant for Mrs. Tomlinson's arrest, and after a hearing the Justice committed her to jail.

It is now possible to drive the entire distance from Trenton to Doylestown on a macadam road. The macadamizing of the Trenton end of the River road was completed this week, and thus, with the Trenton end, the entire road is now macadamized two or three years ago gave a stone road all the distance from Oldwading Park to the Valley bridge.

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SAYS "GOOD BYE" TO FLOCK.

LARGE CONGREGATION AT MANAYUNK. PRESENT TO NEAR FAREWELL SERMON OF DR. BURNS, WHO COMES TO BRISTOL.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Charles E. Burns, who for a quarter of a century has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Manayunk, preached his farewell sermon to that congregation, preparatory to his removal to Bristol, when he assumes the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here.

The ties that bound Dr. Burns to the people among whom he has labored so long, were of a nature that was difficult to sever. The following is a letter received from the editor of the Manayunk Sentinel:

Jesse O. Thomas & Sons, Publishers Bucks County Gazette.

Gentlemen: A pastor who has been very highly respected and loved, as Dr. Burns has been, will not be sad to leave his flock at this week to enter upon a new field of labor in your community. I refer to Rev. Dr. Charles E. Burns, for nearly twenty-five years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Manayunk.

Thinking that an advance proof of what we must print this week with reference to the transfer, might, if it reaches you in time, be of some service to you, I have taken the liberty of forwarding same herewith.

Yours truly, F. A. LORVICK.

The Sentinel's account of the farewell sermon is as follows:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Burns' pastorate of nearly twenty-five years at the First Presbyterian Church of Manayunk, ended last Sunday evening, when he preached to a large congregation, when he preached to a large congregation, when he preached to a large congregation.

Among those in attendance Sunday evening were Rev. Dr. Charles E. Burns, the pastor of the church, who was the Divine blessing in the opening of the service, and thanked God for the ungrudging, truthfulness and faithfulness of this retiring minister.

Rev. Dwight C. Hanna, of the Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, also took part, offering the closing prayer, in which he begged the guidance of the Holy Spirit of the outgoing minister to his new field of labor, and this congregation to a wise choice of his successor.

The closing appropriate music, and the hymn, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Bradley sang a duet, "

